

May 3rd, 2012

County Executive Isiah Legget
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Support for EMS fee

Dear County Executive Isiah Leggett:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in support of EMS fees in Montgomery County. As a grassroots organization that represents the immigrant community, the safety and well-being of our community is a key priority for CASA de Maryland.

CASA is a community organization founded in 1985 by Central American refugees and North Americans. Largely recognized as Maryland's largest Latino-based service and advocacy organization, CASA has evolved from focusing primarily on direct service provisions for Central American refugees to providing a range of activities that address the conditions of poverty affecting many Latino and other immigrants in metropolitan Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. CASA's mission is to create a more just society by building power and improving the quality of life in low-income immigrant communities.

CASA supports the EMS fees for the following reasons:

First, the EMS fee will help save lives by strengthening our Fire Rescue Service. Moreover, the transportation fee will create a more effective emergency service in the immigrant community. The fee will also support first aid service providers with more resources, whose main priorities are service and caring for the injured. Montgomery County is also diligently working to reach out and educate the community regarding the benefits of the EMS fees.

Sincerely,



Gustavo Torres, Executive Director

cc: Patrick Lacefield

